

1. A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header.

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2. The method of claim 1 further including molding, with the tooling, a pattern into the settable material.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the pattern  
5 simulates wood grain.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is continuous with the wood grain pattern  
10 applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by the lid, located medially of the transverse extent of the lid and  
15 coinciding with the header end edge of the lid.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of a portion of the length of a  
20 plurality of full length boards, and the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry

of the lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the  
settable material is comprised of wood chips and  
5 binder.

7. A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header, the tooling having a male portion and a female portion;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

applying the settable material onto one of the male and female portions of the tooling;

molding the settable material by compressing the settable material between the male and female portions of the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie, a rim and a header.

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8. The method of claim 7 wherein the  
settable material is applied onto the male portion of  
the tooling.

5. 9. The method of claim 7 wherein the female  
portion of the tooling includes a pattern formed  
therein which, when the settable material is compressed  
between the male and female portions of the tooling,  
transmits the pattern into the settable material.

10. 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the  
pattern simulates wood grain.

15 11. The method of claim 10 wherein the wood  
grain pattern applied to the settable material of the  
crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of  
the lid is continuous with the wood grain pattern  
applied to the settable material of the crown on the  
other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the  
lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis  
perpendicular to the plane defined by the lid, located  
medially of the transverse extent of the lid and  
20 coinciding with the header end edge of the lid.

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12. The method of claim 11 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards, and the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

13. The method of claim 7 further including applying resin impregnated tissue paper onto the settable material after the settable material has been applied to one of the male and female portions of the tooling and then compressing the settable material between the male and female portions of the tooling.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the female portion of the tooling includes a pattern formed therein which, when the settable material and resin impregnated tissue paper is compressed between the male and female portions of the tooling, transmits the pattern into the settable material, the resin impregnated tissue paper forming an outer skin of the casket lid which conforms to the pattern.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the pattern simulates wood grain.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is continuous with the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by the lid, located medially of the transverse extent of the lid and coinciding with the header end edge of the lid.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards, and the wood grain pattern applied to the settable material of the crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of the lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

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18. The method of claim 7 wherein the  
settable material is comprised of wood chips and  
binder.

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19. A one-piece, unitary lid for a casket  
made according to the method of claim 1.

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20. A one-piece, unitary lid for a casket  
made according to the method of claim 7.

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22. The casket lid of claim 21 wherein said lid is molded from a settable material of wood chips and binder.

23. The casket lid of claim 21 wherein said  
5 crown, pie, rim members and header include a wood grain pattern formed therein.

24. The casket lid of claim 23 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is  
10 continuous with said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by said lid, located medially of the transverse extent of said lid  
15 and coinciding with said header end edge of said lid.

25. The casket lid of claim 24 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full  
20 length boards and said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of the remaining

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portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

26. The casket lid of claim 23 further including resin impregnated tissue paper applied to the crown, pie, rim members and header which conforms to said wood grain pattern.

27. The casket lid of claim 26 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of a longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is continuous with said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid, when viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the plane defined by said lid, located medially of the transverse extent of said lid and coinciding with said header end edge of said lid.

28. The casket lid of claim 27 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards and said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of the remaining

portion of the length of the plurality of full length  
boards.

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29. A casket lid comprising a crown having  
opposed end edges, said crown having a wood grain  
pattern formed therein, wherein said wood grain pattern  
formed in said crown on one side of a longitudinal axis  
5 of symmetry of said lid is continuous with said wood  
grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of  
the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid, when  
viewed rotated 180° about an axis perpendicular to the  
plane defined by said lid, located medially of the  
10 transverse extent of said lid and coinciding with said  
header end edge of said lid.

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30. The casket lid of claim 29 wherein said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on one side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of a portion of the length of a plurality of full length boards and said wood grain pattern formed in said crown on the other side of the longitudinal axis of symmetry of said lid is that of the remaining portion of the length of the plurality of full length boards.

31. The casket lid of claim 29 wherein said crown is molded from a settable material of wood chips and binder.

32. The casket lid of claim 29 further including resin impregnated tissue paper applied to the crown which conforms to said wood grain pattern.

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33. A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim;

— providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

molding the settable material with the tooling; and

10 permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim.

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34. A method of making a one-piece, unitary lid for a casket comprising:

providing tooling configured to produce a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim, the tooling having a male portion and a female portion;

providing settable material from which to mold the lid;

applying the settable material onto one of the male and female portions of the tooling;

molding the settable material by compressing the settable material between the male and female portions of the tooling; and

permitting the settable material to set thereby producing a one-piece, unitary casket lid having a crown, a pie and a rim.

35. A casket lid comprising:

a crown;

5 a pie at one end of said crown, said crown  
and pie together comprising a cover having a pair of  
sides and a pair of ends; and

a side rim member at each of said pair of  
cover sides and an end rim member at the other of said  
cover ends;

10 said crown, pie and rim members being molded  
as a one-piece, unitary structure.

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